

Joshua Hopkins – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Joshua Hopkins was the son of Giles Hopkins who was a Mayflower passenger and an Eastham resident by 1650 when Giles would have been about age forty-three. Joshua was born in 1657. He had nine brothers and sisters. Joshua married Mary Cole, daughter of Daniel Cole, in 1681. They lived on the east side of Town Cove near his father's house. Mary died in 1734 and had a gravestone in Orleans Cemetery. Joshua died in 1638 and probably is buried in an unmarked grave in Orleans Cemetery.

1682

This record concerns a grant of land to Giles Hopkins near his dwelling house on the farther (east) side of the head of Town Cove. The record makes reference to the nearby house of Joshua Hopkins. PDF A153.

1699

Granted to Joshua Hopkins the liberty to set a windmill on the hill above his property. PDF P86.

1702

Granted to Joshua Hopkins the liberty to fence his orchard and his barn near the head of Town Cove provided he keep up the land for easy passage of carts. PDF P98.

1703

Granted to Joshua Hopkins and his heirs a parcel of meadow at Pochet Flats between Pochet Island and Sampson's Island. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about three and one-half acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A268, M141, S98.

Granted to Joshua Hopkins and Jonathan Linnell and their heirs a parcel of meadow at Pochet High Meadow by the beach. The dimensions indicate the lot was about four acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A278, M163, S86.

1706

Granted to Joshua Hopkins about one acre on the southeast side of his land at the head of Town Cove which was his father's land. The land was next to land of Joshua Harding. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF A287, M50.

1707

Joshua Hopkins exchanged with the Town his land at Sampson's Island for about one acre near his land and near land of Joshua Harding near the head of Town Cove. Bounds were indicated by stones. Joshua Hopkins and his heirs could not enclose this land which was part of the Town Common. PDF A291, M5, M58.

1711

Granted to Joshua Hopkins and Elisha Hopkins and their heirs about eight acres of upland next to the land where John Knowles lived. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T37.

Granted to Joshua Hopkins and his heirs a six acre wood lot on the southerly side of Thomas Cole's wood lot. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T37.

Granted to Joshua Hopkins and his heirs about four acres at Skaket Neck. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T37.

Granted to Joshua Hopkins, Joseph Doane, Samuel Mayo, Joseph Merrick and Joseph Merrick Jr. the eighteenth lot out of twenty-four lots laid out at Great Island at Billingsgate. Bounds were indicated by stakes. The dimensions given in the record were not complete but probably the lot was about seven acres like most of the other lots at Great Island. PDF T89.

1715

Granted to Joshua Hopkins and his heirs a five acre lot next to the lot of his brother Elisha Hopkins and near land of John Knowles and near the pond. This most likely was near his other land at Pochet. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T198.

Granted to Joshua Hopkins and his heirs a wood lot on the east side of the way to Herring River and next to the wood lot of Jonathan Sparrow. The Hopkins wood lot ran due east 320 pole (one mile) to the sea and north thirty-six pole which was about seventy-two acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T289.

Joshua Hopkins, Samuel Knowles and Thomas Rich purchased from the Town for six shillings land on the northern side of Rock Harbor meadow next to land of Thomas Williams, deceased. Dimensions were not given but the purchase probably was at least two acres. The three purchasers and their heirs had equal rights to the purchased land. PDF T309.

1716

Joshua Hopkins purchased two parcels of land from the Town for three pounds and fifteen shillings for himself and his heirs. One parcel containing about one and one-half acres was at the westerly end of his other land at Pochet. The other parcel was at the head of the Cove between his barn and Joshua Harding's house. Bounds were indicated by stones. The size of the parcel was not given but probably it was one to two acres. PDF T318.

The Eastham land owned by Joshua Hopkins or his heirs described in these records amounts to about 100 acres. Up to 1745 three other Hopkins including his father received Eastham land grants.